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The Applicant's amendment dated Dec. 08, 2004 is non-responsive because said amendment is not compliant with MPEP 1214.06.

Specifically, the amendment is non-responsive because the Applicant has failed to:

- (1) Cancel claims 2-7, 24, and 34-37 because the rejection of said claims was affirmed by the Board of Patent Appeals; and
- (2) Amend claim 30 into independent format including the subject matter of claims 1 and 24 from which claim 30 depends.

Since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, the Applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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